MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): There is.

MR T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Will the Government be pleased to maintain that proportion in giving appointments to non-graduates as well ?

MR R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): That is now being maintained.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Rural*): May I know what that proportion is ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I have not got that information now. Preference to departmental men is also one of the criteria in making appointments.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether Mr. Ramanuja Aiyangar since his reversion to British service has left his mind here so that it may be read by the present commissioner of Police ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

The Commissioner of Police.

46. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they propose to appoint any foreigner as Commissioner of Police in succession to the present (3-11-1110) Commissioner;

(*b*) how many D. S. P's., there are in the State ; and

(*c*) who is the senior D. S. P. ?

MR R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar has been appointed to act as Commissioner of Police.

(*b*) Four.

(*c*) Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar.

Motor Bus Accidents.

47. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any record to show the number of deaths and other cases that occurred on account of motor bus and car accidents in the State during the last five years ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, how many of them were investigated and charge-sheeted in each of such years and

(*c*) how many of them ended in conviction and how many in acquittal in each year ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) A statement giving the information is laid on the table.

Vide Appendix III.

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MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : May I know in reference to parts (*b* and (*c*) why the prosecutions were withdrawn ?

MR. R. PIHCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : For want of sufficient evidence.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : May I know why the number of acquittals were so much ?

MR. R PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): They were for 5 years. That is only a small number.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) ; May I know whether these acquittals were due to the existence of inefficient acting Inspectors who were not confirmed ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): There may be several causes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know whether this could be one of the causes ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I cannot say.

MR M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know, who conducts such prosecutions ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : Head Constables.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Am I to understand then that the Inspectors of the charging stations do not prosecute such offences ?

MR. R PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : In respect of motor cases, only Head Constables are conducting prosecutions.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : In respect of serious offences, may I know whether the Head Constables are conducting such prosecutions ?

PRESIDENT : That does not arise.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether there is any periodical inspection of motor buses ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : There is the six monthly examination by the Traffic Inspectors besides frequent inspections of the vehicles when on service.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Who conducts such inspections?

MR. R PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : Traffic Inspectors.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the large number of bus accidents are due to the fact that the buses are not road-worthy and safe as public conveyances ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : Accidents are due to several causes.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know from the member whether the accidents are also due to the fact that many of the buses that are used for public conveyance are not worthy for the purpose ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : I cannot say that.

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MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Am I to understand that the Police Commissioner is not aware of the actual conditions of the buses?

PRESIDENT: Oh, no. When he says that, it does not mean he is unaware whether they are worthy or not.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know from the Commissioner of Police whether he is aware of the fact that many of the accidents caused by the buses are due to the fact of their unworthiness?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): It is only after examining the buses when they are brought for inspection and establishing their fitness that permission is granted to run them.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the Commissioner of Police is addressing himself to this aspect of the matter?

PRESIDENT: That is a suggestion.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know from the Commissioner of Police whether the steady decrease in the number of cases charge-sheeted for the year 1109 is due to the inefficiency o the Traffic Section?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the greater number of acquittals is due to the inexperience or inefficiency of the Head Constables that conduct the prosecution?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I cannot say that.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know what the Government meant by saying "bus and car incidents" occurring in appendix III?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): That is a printer's devil.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know from the Commissioner the number of deaths during these years?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I claim notice.

Malarial Tracts.

48. *MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Sanitary Department has charted the malarial tracts in the State; and

(*b*) if so, what steps are taken to eradicate malaria from such tracts?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether the Chief Secretary is aware of the statement made by Dr. Gopala Pillai, the Head of the Sanitary Department, that to his knowledge there were 25 to 27 characteristic malarial places in the State?

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Appedix III

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 47.**

Statement of cases of motor bus and car incidents in the State for the last five years.

Year.	Number reported.	Number charge-sheeted	Number convicted.	Number acquitted.	Number withdrawn.	Number pending trial.
1105	73	51	28	22	1	..
1106	89	33	21	12	..	.
1107	55	26	15	9	2	..
1108	59	24	13	9	2	..
1109	60	19	11	5	..	3
		153	88	57	5	3

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